

**b- $\gamma$ -CONTINUOUS AND b- $\gamma$ -IRRESOLUTE**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we introduce the notion of b- $\gamma$ -g.closed sets and some weak separation axioms. Also we show that some basic properties of b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , b- $\gamma$ - $T_i$ , b- $\gamma$ - $D_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$  spaces and we offer a new class of functions called b- $\gamma$ -irresolute, b- $\gamma$ -continuous functions and a new notion of the graph of a function called a b- $\gamma$ -closed graph and investigate some of their fundamental properties.

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**1. Introduction**

Ogata [3] introduced the notion of  $\gamma$ -open sets which are weaker than open sets. The concept of b- $\gamma$ -open sets and b- $\gamma$  $D$ -sets in topological spaces are introduced by Hariwan Z. Ibrahim [1].

In this paper, we introduce the notion of b- $\gamma$ -g.closed sets and some weak separation axioms. Also we show that some basic properties of b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , b- $\gamma$ - $T_i$ , b- $\gamma$ - $D_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$  spaces and we offer a new class of functions called b- $\gamma$ -irresolute, b- $\gamma$ -continuous functions and a new notion of the graph of a function called a b- $\gamma$ -closed graph and investigate some of their fundamental properties.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . The closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $Cl(A)$  and  $Int(A)$ , respectively. An operation  $\gamma$  [3] on a topology  $\tau$  is a mapping from  $\tau$  into power set  $P(X)$  of  $X$  such that  $V \subseteq \gamma(V)$  for each  $V \in \tau$ , where  $\gamma(V)$  denotes the value of  $\gamma$  at  $V$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is called  $\gamma$ -open [3] if for each  $x \in A$ , there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $\gamma(U) \subseteq A$ . Then,  $\tau_\gamma$  denotes the set of all  $\gamma$ -open sets in  $X$ . Clearly  $\tau_\gamma \subseteq \tau$ . Complements of  $\gamma$ -open sets are called  $\gamma$ -closed. The  $\tau_\gamma$ -interior [2] of  $A$  is denoted by  $\tau_\gamma\text{-}Int(A)$  and defined to be the union of all  $\gamma$ -open sets of  $X$  contained in  $A$ . A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open [1] if  $A \subseteq \tau_\gamma\text{-}Int(Cl(A)) \cup Cl(\tau_\gamma\text{-}Int(A))$ .

## 3. $b$ - $\gamma$ -g. Closed Sets, $b$ - $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ Spaces and $b$ - $\gamma$ -Irresolute

**Definition 1.** A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed if and only if its complement is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open.

Moreover,  $b$ - $\gamma$  $O(X)$  denotes the collection of all  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets of  $(X, \tau)$  and  $b$ - $\gamma$  $C(X)$  denotes the collection of all  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed sets of  $(X, \tau)$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . The intersection of all  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed sets containing  $A$  is called the  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A)$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $U$  of  $X$  is called a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -neighbourhood of a point  $x \in X$  if there exists a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ .

**Theorem 4.** For the  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closure of subsets  $A, B$  in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following properties hold:

1.  $A$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$  if and only if  $A = b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A)$ .
2. If  $A \subseteq B$  then  $b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A) \subseteq b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(B)$ .
3.  $b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A)$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed, that is  $b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A) = b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A))$ .
4.  $x \in b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A)$  if and only if  $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$  for every  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $V$  of  $X$  containing  $x$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious. □

**Definition 5.** A subset  $A$  of the space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be  $b$ - $\gamma$ -g.closed if  $b$ - $\gamma$  $Cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

It is clear that every b- $\gamma$ -closed subset of  $X$  is also a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set. The following example shows that a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set need not be b- $\gamma$ -closed.

**Example 3.1.** let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\phi, X, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$ , define an operation  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow P(X)$  such that  $\gamma(A) = X$ . Then  $\{b\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed but it is not b- $\gamma$ -closed.

**Proposition 3.2.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed if and only if  $b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$  holds for every  $x \in b-\gamma Cl(A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U$  be a b- $\gamma$ -open set such that  $A \subseteq U$ . Let  $x \in b-\gamma Cl(A)$ . By assumption there exists a  $z \in b-\gamma Cl(\{x\})$  and  $z \in A \subseteq U$ . It follows from Theorem 4 that  $U \cap \{x\} \neq \phi$ . Hence  $x \in U$ . This implies  $b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $A$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

Conversely, let  $A$  be a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed subset of  $X$  and  $x \in b-\gamma Cl(A)$  such that  $b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A = \phi$ . Since,  $b-\gamma Cl(\{x\})$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Therefore by Definition 1,  $X - (b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}))$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set. Since  $A \subseteq X - (b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}))$  and  $A$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed implies that  $b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq X - (b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}))$  holds, and hence  $x \notin b-\gamma Cl(A)$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** If  $b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$  holds for every  $x \in b-\gamma Cl(A)$ , then  $b-\gamma Cl(A) - A$  does not contain a non empty b- $\gamma$ -closed set.

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a non empty b- $\gamma$ -closed set  $F$  such that  $F \subseteq b-\gamma Cl(A) - A$ . Let  $x \in F$ ,  $x \in b-\gamma Cl(A)$  holds. It follows that  $F \cap A = b-\gamma Cl(F) \cap A \supseteq b-\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ . Hence  $F \cap A \neq \phi$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.**  $A$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed if and only if  $A = F - N$ , where  $F$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed and  $N$  contains no non-empty b- $\gamma$ -closed subsets.

*Proof.* Necessity follows from Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 6 with  $F = b-\gamma Cl(A)$  and  $N = b-\gamma Cl(A) - A$ .

Conversely, if  $A = F - N$  and  $A \subseteq O$  with  $O$  is b- $\gamma$ -open, then  $F \cap (X - O)$  is a b- $\gamma$ -closed subset of  $N$  and thus is empty. Hence  $b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq F \subseteq O$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** If a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq b-\gamma Cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set such that  $A \subseteq B \subseteq b-\gamma Cl(A)$ . Let  $U$  be a b- $\gamma$ -open set of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq U$ . Since  $A$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed, we have  $b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . Now  $b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq b-\gamma Cl(B) \subseteq b-\gamma Cl[b-\gamma Cl(A)] = b-\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq U$ . That is  $b-\gamma Cl(B) \subseteq U$ ,  $U$  is b- $\gamma$ -open. Therefore  $B$  is a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\gamma : \tau \rightarrow P(X)$  be an operation. Then for each  $x \in X$ , either  $\{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed or  $X - \{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\{x\}$  is not  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed, then by Definition 1,  $X - \{x\}$  is not  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open. Let  $U$  be any  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set such that  $X - \{x\} \subseteq U$ , so  $U = X$ . Hence  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(X - \{x\}) \subseteq U$ . Therefore  $X - \{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed.  $\square$

**Definition 9.** A space  $X$  is said to be  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space if every  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed.

**Theorem 10.** A space  $X$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space if and only if  $\{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed or  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{x\}$  is not  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed. Then it follows from assumption and Theorem 8 that  $\{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open.

Conversely, Let  $F$  be  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Let  $x$  be any point in  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(F)$ , then  $\{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open or  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed.

1. Suppose  $\{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open. Then by Theorem 4, we have  $\{x\} \cap F \neq \phi$ , hence  $x \in F$ . This implies  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(F) \subseteq F$ , therefore  $F$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed.
2. Suppose  $\{x\}$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed. Assume  $x \notin F$ , then  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(F) - F$ . This is not possible by Theorem 6. Thus we have  $x \in F$ . Therefore  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(F) = F$  and hence  $F$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed.

$\square$

**Definition 11.** [1] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is said to be

1.  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_0$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exists a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set  $U$  such that either  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$  or  $x \notin U$  and  $y \in U$ .
2.  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist two  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$  but  $x \notin V$ .
3.  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_2$  if for each distinct points  $x, y$  in  $X$ , there exist two disjoint  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

**Definition 12.** [1] A subset  $A$  of a topological space  $X$  is called a  $b\text{-}\gamma D$ -set if there are two  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $U \neq X$  and  $A = U - V$ .

**Definition 13.** [1] A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is said to be

1.  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}D_0$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exists a  $b\text{-}\gamma D$ -set of  $X$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  or a  $b\text{-}\gamma D$ -set of  $X$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .
2.  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}D_1$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exist two  $b\text{-}\gamma D$ -sets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $x \in U$  but  $y \notin U$  and  $y \in V$  but  $x \notin V$ .

3. b- $\gamma$ - $D_2$  if for any pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$  there exist disjoint b- $\gamma$ - $D$ -sets  $G$  and  $E$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

**Definition 14.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$ , is said to be b- $\gamma$ -symmetric if for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$ ,  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\})$  implies  $y \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$ , then the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a b- $\gamma$ -symmetric space.
2.  $\{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed, for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Assume that  $\{x\} \subseteq U \in b\text{-}\gamma O(X)$ , but  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \not\subseteq U$ . Then  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap X - U \neq \emptyset$ . Now, we take  $y \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap X - U$ , then by hypothesis  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\}) \subseteq X - U$  and  $x \notin U$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed, for each  $x \in X$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Assume that  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\})$ , but  $y \notin b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ . Then  $\{y\} \subseteq X - b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$  and hence  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\}) \subseteq X - b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ . Therefore  $x \in X - b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ , which is a contradiction and hence  $y \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$  if and only if the singletons are b- $\gamma$ -closed sets.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$  and  $x$  any point of  $X$ . Suppose  $y \in X - \{x\}$ , then  $x \neq y$  and so there exists a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  such that  $y \in U$  but  $x \notin U$ . Consequently  $y \in U \subseteq X - \{x\}$ , that is  $X - \{x\} = \cup \{U : y \in X - \{x\}\}$  which is b- $\gamma$ -open.

Conversely, suppose  $\{p\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed for every  $p \in X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ . Now  $x \neq y$  implies  $y \in X - \{x\}$ . Hence  $X - \{x\}$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set contains  $y$  but not  $x$ . Similarly  $X - \{y\}$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set contains  $x$  but not  $y$ . Accordingly  $X$  is a b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$  space.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** If a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  is a b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$  space, then it is b- $\gamma$ -symmetric.

*Proof.* In a b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$  space, every singleton is b- $\gamma$ -closed (Proposition 3.5) and therefore is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed. Then by Proposition 3.4,  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ -symmetric.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** For a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ -symmetric and b- $\gamma$ - $T_0$ .
2.  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$ .

*Proof.* By Corollary 3.6 and Remark 3.8 [1], it suffices to prove only (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).

Let  $x \neq y$  and as  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_0$ , we may assume that  $x \in U \subseteq X - \{y\}$  for some  $U \in b\text{-}\gamma O(X)$ . Then  $x \notin b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\})$  and hence  $y \notin b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$ . There exists a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set  $V$  such that  $y \in V \subseteq X - \{x\}$  and thus  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_1$  space.  $\square$

**Remark 3.8.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $\gamma$  be an operation on  $\tau$ , then the following statements are hold:

1. Every  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_1$  space is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .
2. Every  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_0$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -symmetric space with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_0$  space.
2.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  space.
3.  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_1$  space.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Obvious from Corollary 3.7.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Directly from Remark 3.8.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10.** For a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -symmetric space  $(X, \tau)$ , the following are equivalent:

1.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_0$ .
2.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}D_1$ .
3.  $(X, \tau)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}T_1$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). Follows from Corollary 3.7.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Follows from Remark 3.8 [1] and Corollary 3.11 [1].  $\square$

**Definition 15.** Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  and  $\gamma$  be an operation on  $\tau$ . The  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -kernel of  $A$ , denoted by  $b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}ker(A)$  is defined to be the set

$$b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}ker(A) = \cap \{U \in b\text{-}\gamma O(X) : A \subseteq U\}.$$

**Proposition 3.11.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  and  $x \in X$ . Then  $y \in b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}ker(\{x\})$  if and only if  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\})$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $y \notin b\text{-}\gamma\text{-}ker(\{x\})$ . Then there exists a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set  $V$  containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin V$ . Therefore, we have  $x \notin b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{y\})$ . The proof of the converse case can be done similarly.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.12.** *Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space with an operation  $\gamma$  on  $\tau$  and  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then,  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(A) = \{x \in X : b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma\ker(A)$  and suppose  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A = \phi$ . Hence  $x \notin X - b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\})$  which is a b- $\gamma$ -open set containing  $A$ . This is impossible, since  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma\ker(A)$ . Consequently,  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$ . Next, let  $x \in X$  such that  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A \neq \phi$  and suppose that  $x \notin b\text{-}\gamma\ker(A)$ . Then, there exists a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $V$  containing  $A$  and  $x \notin V$ . Let  $y \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(\{x\}) \cap A$ . Hence,  $V$  is a b- $\gamma$ -neighbourhood of  $y$  which does not contain  $x$ . By this contradiction  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma\ker(A)$  and the claim.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.13.** *If a singleton  $\{x\}$  is a b- $\gamma D$ -set of  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{x\}) \neq X$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\{x\}$  is a b- $\gamma D$ -set of  $(X, \tau)$ , then there exist two subsets  $U_1, U_2 \in b\text{-}\gamma O(X, \tau)$  such that  $\{x\} = U_1 - U_2$ ,  $\{x\} \subseteq U_1$  and  $U_1 \neq X$ . Thus, we have that  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{x\}) \subseteq U_1 \neq X$  and so  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{x\}) \neq X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.14.** *For a b- $\gamma T_{\frac{1}{2}}$  topological space  $(X, \tau)$  with at least two points,  $(X, \tau)$  is a b- $\gamma D_1$  space if and only if  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{x\}) \neq X$  holds for every point  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof. Necessity.* Let  $x \in X$ . For a point  $y \neq x$ , there exists a b- $\gamma D$ -set  $U$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $y \notin U$ . Say  $U = U_1 - U_2$ , where  $U_i \in b\text{-}\gamma O(X, \tau)$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $U_1 \neq X$ . Thus, for the point  $x$ , we have a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U_1$  such that  $\{x\} \subseteq U_1$  and  $U_1 \neq X$ . Hence,  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{x\}) \neq X$ .

*Sufficiency.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be a pair of distinct points of  $X$ . We prove that there exist b- $\gamma D$ -sets  $A$  and  $B$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $y \notin A$  and  $x \notin B$ . Using Theorem 10, we can take the subsets  $A$  and  $B$  for the following four cases for two points  $x$  and  $y$ .

Case 1.  $\{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -open and  $\{y\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $b\text{-}\gamma\ker(\{y\}) \neq X$ , then there exists a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $V$  such that  $y \in V$  and  $V \neq X$ . Put  $A = \{x\}$  and  $B = \{y\}$ . Since  $B = V - (X - \{y\})$ , then  $V$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set with  $V \neq X$  and  $X - \{y\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -open, and  $B$  is a required b- $\gamma D$ -set containing  $y$  such that  $x \notin B$ . Obviously,  $A$  is a required b- $\gamma D$ -set containing  $x$  such that  $y \notin A$ .

Case 2.  $\{x\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed and  $\{y\}$  is b- $\gamma$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . The proof is similar to Case 1.

Case 3.  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are b- $\gamma$ -open in  $(X, \tau)$ . Put  $A = \{x\}$  and  $B = \{y\}$ .

Case 4.  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  are b- $\gamma$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . Put  $A = X - \{y\}$  and  $B = X - \{x\}$ .

For each case of the above, the subsets  $A$  and  $B$  are the required b- $\gamma D$ -sets. Therefore,  $(X, \tau)$  is a b- $\gamma D_1$  space.  $\square$

**Definition 16.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  be two topological spaces and  $\gamma, \beta$  operations on  $\tau, \sigma$ , respectively. A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -irresolute if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $b\text{-}\beta$ -open set  $V$  containing  $f(x)$ , there is a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 17.** Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a mapping, then the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -irresolute.
2.  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(A))$  holds for every subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ .
3.  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed in  $(X, \tau)$ , for every  $b\text{-}\beta$ -closed set  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $y \in f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A))$  and  $V$  be any  $b\text{-}\beta$ -open set containing  $y$ . Then there exists a point  $x \in X$  and a  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set  $U$  such that  $f(x) = y$  and  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since  $x \in b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)$ , we have  $U \cap A \neq \phi$  and hence  $\phi \neq f(U \cap A) \subseteq f(U) \cap f(A) \subseteq V \cap f(A)$ . This implies  $y \in b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(A))$ . Therefore we have  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(A))$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Let  $B$  be a  $b\text{-}\beta$ -closed set in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Therefore  $b\text{-}\beta Cl(B) = B$ . By using (2) we have  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(B) = B$ . Therefore we have  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(B)$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Obvious. □

**Definition 18.** A mapping  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed if for any  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed set  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $f(A)$  is a  $b\text{-}\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ .

**Theorem 19.** Suppose that  $f$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -irresolute mapping and  $f$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed. Then:

1. For every  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed set  $A$  of  $(X, \tau)$  the image  $f(A)$  is  $b\text{-}\beta$ -g.closed.
2. For every  $b\text{-}\beta$ -g.closed set  $B$  of  $(Y, \sigma)$  the inverse set  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed.

*Proof.* 1. Let  $V$  be any  $b\text{-}\beta$ -open set in  $(Y, \sigma)$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq V$ . By using Theorem 17  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open. Since  $A$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed and  $A \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , we have  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A) \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ , and hence  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq V$ . By assumption  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A))$  is a  $b\text{-}\beta$ -closed set. Therefore  $b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(A)) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A))) = f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq V$ . This implies  $f(A)$  is  $b\text{-}\beta$ -g.closed.

2. Let  $U$  be  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -open set of  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq U$ . Let  $F = b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \cap (X - U)$ , then  $F$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed set in  $(X, \tau)$ . Since  $f$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -closed this implies  $f(F)$  is  $b\text{-}\beta$ -closed in  $(Y, \sigma)$ . Since  $f(F) \subseteq f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \cap f(X - U) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(f(f^{-1}(B))) \cap f(X - U) \subseteq b\text{-}\beta Cl(B) \cap (Y - B)$ . This implies  $f(F) = \phi$ , and hence  $F = \phi$ . Therefore  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq U$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(B)$  is  $b\text{-}\gamma$ -g.closed in  $(X, \tau)$ . □



**Theorem 20.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\gamma$ -irresolute and b- $\gamma$ -closed. Then:*

1. *If  $f$  is injective and  $(Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\beta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .*
2. *If  $f$  is surjective and  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $(Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\beta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .*

*Proof.* 1. Let  $A$  be a b- $\gamma$ -g.closed set of  $(X, \tau)$ . By Theorem 19,  $f(A)$  is b- $\beta$ -g.closed. Since  $(Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\beta$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , this implies that  $f(A)$  is b- $\beta$ -closed. Since  $f$  is b- $\gamma$ -irresolute, then by Theorem 17, we have  $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed. Hence  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

2. Let  $B$  be a b- $\beta$ -g.closed set of  $(Y, \sigma)$ . By Theorem 19,  $f^{-1}(B)$  is b- $\gamma$ -g.closed in  $X$ . Since  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , so  $f^{-1}(B)$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed. Since  $f$  is surjective and b- $\gamma$ -closed, so  $f(f^{-1}(B)) = B$  is b- $\beta$ -closed. □

**Theorem 21.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a b- $\gamma$ -irresolute surjective function and  $E$  is a b- $\beta$  $D$ -set in  $Y$ , then the inverse image of  $E$  is a b- $\gamma$  $D$ -set in  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $E$  be a b- $\beta$  $D$ -set in  $Y$ . Then there are b- $\beta$ -open sets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  in  $Y$  such that  $E = U_1 - U_2$  and  $U_1 \neq Y$ . By the b- $\gamma$ -irresolute of  $f$ ,  $f^{-1}(U_1)$  and  $f^{-1}(U_2)$  are b- $\gamma$ -open in  $X$ . Since  $U_1 \neq Y$  and  $f$  is surjective, we have  $f^{-1}(U_1) \neq X$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(E) = f^{-1}(U_1) - f^{-1}(U_2)$  is a b- $\gamma$  $D$ -set. □

**Theorem 22.** *If  $(Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\beta$ - $D_1$  and  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\gamma$ -irresolute bijective, then  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $D_1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $Y$  is a b- $\beta$ - $D_1$  space. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is injective and  $Y$  is b- $\beta$ - $D_1$ , there exist b- $\beta$  $D$ -set  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  respectively, such that  $f(x) \notin G_y$  and  $f(y) \notin G_x$ . By Theorem 21,  $f^{-1}(G_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(G_y)$  are b- $\gamma$  $D$ -set in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, such that  $x \notin f^{-1}(G_y)$  and  $y \notin f^{-1}(G_x)$ . This implies that  $X$  is a b- $\gamma$ - $D_1$  space. □

**Theorem 23.** *A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is b- $\gamma$ - $D_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x, y \in X$ , there exists a b- $\gamma$ -irresolute surjective function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , where  $Y$  is a b- $\beta$ - $D_1$  space such that  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  are distinct.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any pair of distinct points in  $X$ . By hypothesis, there exists a b- $\gamma$ -irresolute, surjective function  $f$  of a space  $X$  onto a b- $\beta$ - $D_1$  space  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Then, there exist disjoint b- $\beta$  $D$ -set  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in G_x$  and  $f(y) \in G_y$ . Since  $f$  is b- $\gamma$ -irresolute and surjective, by Theorem 21,  $f^{-1}(G_x)$  and  $f^{-1}(G_y)$  are disjoint b- $\gamma$  $D$ -sets in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Hence,  $X$  is b- $\gamma$ - $D_1$  space. □

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**Definition 24.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $b$ - $\gamma$ -continuous if for every open set  $V$  of  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open in  $X$ .

**Theorem 25.** The following are equivalent for a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ :

1.  $f$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -continuous.
2. The inverse image of every closed set in  $Y$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed in  $X$ .
3. For each subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$ .
4. For each subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). Obvious.

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4). Let  $B$  be any subset of  $Y$ . Then by (3), we have  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq Cl(B)$ . This implies  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ .

Conversely, let  $B = f(A)$  where  $A$  is a subset of  $X$ . Then, by (4), we have,  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(f(A))) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(f(A)))$ . Thus,  $f(b\text{-}\gamma Cl(A)) \subseteq Cl(f(A))$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4). Let  $B \subseteq Y$ . Since  $f^{-1}(Cl(B))$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed and  $f^{-1}(B) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ , then  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(B))$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). Let  $K \subseteq Y$  be a closed set. By (4),  $b\text{-}\gamma Cl(f^{-1}(K)) \subseteq f^{-1}(Cl(K)) = f^{-1}(K)$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed.  $\square$

**Theorem 26.** If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -continuous injective function and  $Y$  is  $T_2$ , then  $X$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ - $T_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $X$  be any pair of distinct points, then there exist disjoint open sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(x) \in A$  and  $f(y) \in B$ . Since  $f$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open in  $X$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, we have  $f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) = \phi$ . Thus,  $X$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ - $T_2$ .  $\square$

**Definition 27.** For a function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$ , the graph  $G(f) = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in X\}$  is said to be  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed if for each  $(x, y) \notin G(f)$ , there exist a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  and an open set  $V$  containing  $y$  such that  $(U \times V) \cap G(f) = \phi$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** The function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  has an  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed graph if and only if for each  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  such that  $y \neq f(x)$ , there exist a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  and an open set  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y$  respectively, such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ .

*Proof.* It follows readily from the above definition.  $\square$

**Theorem 28.** If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an injective function with the  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed graph, then  $X$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ - $T_1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distinct points of  $X$ . Then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ . Thus there exist a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  and an open set  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $f(y)$ , respectively, such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ . Therefore  $y \notin U$  and it follows that  $X$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 29.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an injective b- $\gamma$ -continuous with a b- $\gamma$ -closed graph  $G(f)$ , then  $X$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any distinct points of  $X$ . Then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ , so  $(x_1, f(x_2)) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . Since the graph  $G(f)$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed, there exist a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x_1$  and open set  $V$  containing  $f(x_2)$  such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ . Since  $f$  is b- $\gamma$ -continuous,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a b- $\gamma$ -open set containing  $x_2$  such that  $U \cap f^{-1}(V) = \phi$ . Hence  $X$  is b- $\gamma$ - $T_2$ .  $\square$

Recall that a space  $X$  is said to be  $T_1$  if for each pair of distinct points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ , there exist an open set  $U$  containing  $x$  but not  $y$  and an open set  $V$  containing  $y$  but not  $x$ .

**Theorem 30.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is an surjective function with the b- $\gamma$ -closed graph, then  $Y$  is  $T_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective, there exists  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $f(x) = y_2$ . Therefore  $(x, y_1) \notin G(f)$ . By Lemma 4.1, there exist b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  and an open set  $V$  containing  $x$  and  $y_1$  respectively, such that  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ . We obtain an open set  $V$  containing  $y_1$  which does not contain  $y_2$ . It follows that  $y_2 \notin V$ . Hence,  $Y$  is  $T_1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 31.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be b- $\gamma$ -W-continuous if for each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  of  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ , there exists a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  in  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq Cl(V)$ .

**Theorem 32.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is b- $\gamma$ -W-continuous and  $Y$  is Hausdorff, then  $G(f)$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(x, y) \notin G(f)$ , then  $f(x) \neq y$ . By the fact that  $Y$  is Hausdorff, there exist open sets  $W$  and  $V$  such that  $f(x) \in W$ ,  $y \in V$  and  $V \cap W = \phi$ . It follows that  $Cl(W) \cap V = \phi$ . Since  $f$  is b- $\gamma$ -W-continuous, there exists a b- $\gamma$ -open set  $U$  containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq Cl(W)$ . Hence, we have  $f(U) \cap V = \phi$ . This means that  $G(f)$  is b- $\gamma$ -closed.  $\square$

**Definition 33.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be b- $\gamma$ -compact relative to  $X$  if every cover of  $A$  by b- $\gamma$ -open sets of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Theorem 34.** *Let  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  have a b- $\gamma$ -closed graph. If  $K$  is b- $\gamma$ -compact relative to  $X$ , then  $f(K)$  is closed in  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $y \notin f(K)$ . For each  $x \in K$ ,  $f(x) \neq y$ . By lemma 4.1, there exists a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $U_x$  containing  $x$  and an open neighbourhood  $V_x$  of  $y$  such that  $f(U_x) \cap V_x = \phi$ . The family  $\{U_x : x \in K\}$  is a cover of  $K$  by  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open sets of  $X$  and there exists a finite subset  $K_0$  of  $K$  such that  $K \subseteq \cup\{U_x : x \in K_0\}$ . Put  $V = \cap\{V_x : x \in K_0\}$ . Then  $V$  is an open neighbourhood of  $y$  and  $f(K) \cap V = \phi$ . This means that  $f(K)$  is closed in  $Y$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 35.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  has a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed graph  $G(f)$ , then for each  $x \in X$ .  $\{f(x)\} = \cap\{Cl(f(A)) : A \text{ is } b\text{-}\gamma\text{-open set containing } x\}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $y \neq f(x)$  and  $y \in \cap\{Cl(f(A)) : A \text{ is } b\text{-}\gamma\text{-open set containing } x\}$ . Then  $y \in Cl(f(A))$  for each  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A$  containing  $x$ . This implies that for each open set  $B$  containing  $y$ ,  $B \cap f(A) \neq \phi$ . Since  $(x, y) \notin G(f)$  and  $G(f)$  is a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed graph, this is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Definition 36.** A function  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is called a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open if the image of every  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set in  $X$  is open in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 37.** *If  $f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is a surjective  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open function with a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -closed graph  $G(f)$ , then  $Y$  is  $T_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be any two distinct points of  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is surjective  $f(x) = y_1$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $(x, y_2) \in (X \times Y) - G(f)$ . This implies that there exist a  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open set  $A$  of  $X$  and an open set  $B$  of  $Y$  such that  $(x, y_2) \in (A \times B)$  and  $(A \times B) \cap G(f) = \phi$ . We have  $f(A) \cap B = \phi$ . Since  $f$  is  $b$ - $\gamma$ -open, then  $f(A)$  is open such that  $f(x) = y_1 \in f(A)$ . Thus,  $Y$  is  $T_2$ .  $\square$

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